



US Lawmakers Upset Over UK's Apple Encryption Demand

Description

UK Wants Access to Apple Data

Two US lawmakers, Senator Ron Wyden and Congressman Andy Biggs, are worried about a request from the UK. The UK wants to see encrypted data from Apple users worldwide. They think this request is "dangerous" and "shortsighted."

The lawmakers wrote a letter to Tulsi Gabbard, who is the national intelligence director. They said the UK's demand could hurt the privacy and safety of Americans. They warned that the UK should stop this action or face serious consequences.

The UK says this request is about security. They want to access data only if there is a threat, not to look at everyone's information. The request concerns data that is protected by Apple's "Advanced Data Protection." This type of protection keeps users' information private.

If Apple must open its data, it could weaken security for everyone, including US citizens. Apple has said it will not create a backdoor in its products. They may stop providing some services in the UK if this demand continues.

Both lawmakers and privacy experts are worried about the effects of this request.

Vocabulary List:

1. **Encrypted** /ɪnˈkrɪptɪd/ (adjective): Converted into a code to prevent unauthorized access.
2. **Dangerous** /ˈdeɪndʒərəs/ (adjective): Able or likely to cause harm or injury.
3. **Consequences** /ˈkɒn.sɪ.kwənsɪz/ (noun): The result or effect of an action or condition.
4. **Threat** /θreɪt/ (noun): A statement of an intention to cause pain injury or damage.
5. **Privacy** /ˈprɪvəsi/ (noun): The state or condition of being free from being observed or disturbed by other people.
6. **Protection** /prəˈtektʃən/ (noun): The action of protecting someone or something or the state of being protected.

Comprehension Questions

Multiple Choice



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1. Who are the two US lawmakers concerned about the UK's request for access to Apple data?
Option: Senator Ron Wyden and Congressman Andy Biggs
Option: Senator Joe Smith and Congresswoman Jane Doe
Option: Senator Sarah Brown and Congressman John Johnson
Option: Senator Alex Rodriguez and Congresswoman Emily White
 2. According to the lawmakers, the UK's request for Apple data is considered:
Option: Necessary and appropriate
Option: Dangerous and shortsighted
Option: Inconsequential and justified
Option: Prudent and strategic
 3. What type of protection is used to keep users' information private according to the text?
Option: Basic Data Protection
Option: Advanced Data Encryption
Option: Advanced Data Protection
Option: Enhanced Data Security
 4. What consequence did Apple mention if the demand for opening data in the UK continues?
Option: They will provide additional services
Option: They will create a backdoor in their products
Option: They may stop providing some services in the UK
Option: They will increase data security measures
 5. Which official did the lawmakers address their letter to regarding the UK's demand for Apple data?
Option: Mark Zuckerberg
Option: Tim Cook
Option: Tulsi Gabbard
Option: Elon Musk
 6. What is the primary reason given by the UK for their request to access Apple data?
Option: Marketing purposes
Option: National security concerns
Option: Data analysis for research
Option: Competitive intelligence

True-False



7. The UK wants to access encrypted data from Apple users worldwide.
8. Apple has agreed to create a backdoor in its products for the UK government.
9. The UK's request does not involve looking at everyone's information, according to the text.
10. Both lawmakers and privacy experts are unconcerned about the effects of the UK's request.
11. Apple may consider stopping certain services in the UK if the demand for data access continues.
12. The UK claims that their request for Apple data is purely for marketing purposes.

Gap-Fill

13. The UK wants to see encrypted data from Apple users _____.
14. The lawmakers wrote a letter to _____ regarding the UK's demand for Apple data.
15. Apple has stated they will not create a backdoor in its _____.
16. If Apple complies with the demand, it could potentially weaken security for everyone, including US _____.
17. The UK claims that their request is primarily about _____.
18. Both lawmakers and privacy experts are concerned about the _____ of this request.

Answer

Multiple Choice: 1. Senator Ron Wyden and Congressman Andy Biggs 2. Dangerous and shortsighted 3. Advanced Data Protection 4. They may stop providing some services in the UK 5. Tulsi Gabbard 6. National security concerns

True-False: 7. True 8. False 9. True 10. False 11. True 12. False

Gap-Fill: 13. worldwide 14. Tulsi Gabbard 15. products 16. citizens 17. security 18. effects

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